

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/799,794	DICKERSON ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Anh D. Mai	2814	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/16/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 49-74.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 11 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date <u>3/23/2005</u> | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. Amendment filed May 16, 2005 has been entered. Claims 49, 53 and 56 have been amended. Claims 70-74 have been added. Thus, claims 49-74 are pending.

Support for Claimed Limitation

2. New claim 73 recites: the method of claim 56 wherein the third segment comprises a length that is substantially equal to the length of the first segment.

This examiner have noticed that the original specification does not support the limitation.

However, in the telephone conversation on June 23, 2005, Applicant asserted that the support for limitation of claim 73 is provided by the drawing, Fig. 27 and also submitted case law, *In re Heinle*, 342 F.2d 1001, 145 USPQ 131 (CCPA 1965) to support his assertion. A copy of which is entered for the record.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. D. Brent Kenady, Reg. No. 40,045 on June 23, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 46, line 3, after "single" delete -- uniform --.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 49-74 are allowed.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: prior art of record fails to teaches a semiconductive processing method in the combination of the limitations as claimed including:

a) (claim 49) etching a portion of sidewall to leave a first segment of the sidewall substantially unchanged to form a second segment of the sidewall laterally spaced from and elevationally above the first segment, the first and second segments are formed within a single layer.

b) (claim 56) etching a portion of sidewall to form a first segment of the sidewall substantially unchanged, the first segment comprises a length and to form a second segment of the sidewall laterally spaced from and elevationally above the first segment, the second segment comprises a length that is substantially equal to the length of the first segment and to form a third segment between and connecting the first and the second segment at respectively right angles.

Note that, in an the telephone interview initiated by this Examiner on June 23, 2005, Applicant acknowledged that the term "length" does not have a specific direction. Thus, the first and second length of the claims are referring to vertical length while the third length is referring to horizontal length.

c) (claims 63) the reason for allowance was provided in the previous Office Action, Paper No. 2/14/2005.

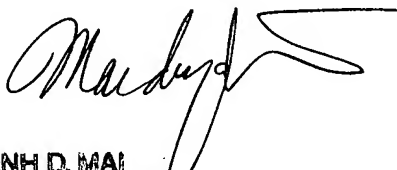
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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anh D. Mai whose telephone number is (571) 272-1710. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (571) 272-1705. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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